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Communications from the SSA

Popular Place of the Swiss Abroad

Well over 50,000 people visited the Place of the Swiss Abroad in Brunnen this summer, according to Peter Hugentobler, who was in charge of the information pavilion until the end of October. A big attraction was the exhibition "Meet the Fifth Switzerland", organised by the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad. The Swiss Path round the Lake of Uri was another magnet for many visitors.

One of the highlights of this eventful year was the official opening of the Place of the Swiss Abroad on 4 May 1991 in the presence of Federal Councillor Jean-Pascal Delamuraz and National Council President Ulrich Bremi. At the end of July attention was focused on the domed roof of the Botta tent, a worthy setting for those attending the Congress of the Swiss Abroad and the reception for the seven members of the Federal Council by the Swiss Abroad on August 1, 1991.

It is to be hoped that next year, too, many Swiss from at home at abroad will make their way to Brunnen. They will find that the freshly-planted Place of the Swiss Abroad is the ideal place to meet one another. SM

Spring Ski Camp 1992

The ski resort of Grimentz – with sure snow conditions well into the spring – promises the best possible skiing. Each day's skiing is organised for fun and games and alternates with other popular sports – snowboarding, swimming, badminton, etc. This means that the camp is suitable for skiers of all categories – from the absolute beginner to those of competition standard.

Date/Place: 2.–11.4.92 Thursday evening to Saturday morning Hotel Le Bouquetin, Grimentz, Valais

Price: About Sfr. 600.–, including ski hire and ski pass. *Organiser:* Edith Locher, gymnastics and sports monitor, youth

Conditions: Age between 15 and 25. Mother or father must be a Swiss citizen.

Registration: Before 17.2.92

Caution: The camp is restricted to the first 60 applicants!

Forms obtainable from:

Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad Youth Service

Alpenstrasse 26

service monitor.

CH-3000 Berne 16

AJAS

We are receiving an ever greater number of requests from young Swiss of both sexes living abroad about training and the choice of a profession in Switzerland. AJAS can now provide a comprehensive information kit on these subjects in either French or German. This includes about one thousand individual sheets provided by the various vocational training advisory offices, all kept carefully up to date. Each sheet provides information on one profession and

contains details on the following subjects:

- Description of the profession
- Requirements
- Conditions
- Training
- Further training
- Related professions

If you would like to receive this information kit on vocational training, please write to:

AJAS, Alpenstrasse 26, CH-3000 Berne 16

Youth Exchange 1992

In this programme young Swiss living abroad spend six-week holidays in the homes of Swiss families in Switzerland and vice versa.

Depending on inclination and interest, the young people concerned may attend holiday training courses, participate in one-week trial apprenticeships or settle preliminaries for university studies.

The offer is for young people whose families live in the following countries:

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

Dates: 4.7./10.8.1992

Conditions: Age 14–20. For overseas applicants 16–20. Mother or father must be a Swiss citizen.

Price: Sfr. 400.—, excluding travel. This includes information camp, individual vocational training periods and trial apprenticeships, evaluation day, supervision.

Registration: By end of March 1992. Application forms are obtainable from local coordinators (see local pages of your Swiss Review) or from the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad.

Gift Boutique

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Watch (features the Place of the Swiss Abroad) Sfr. 50.– Badge Sfr. 5.–*

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Pennant Sfr. 20.-*

Pennant stand Sfr. 28.-*
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Alpenstrasse 26 CH-3000 Berne 16



Summer Holidays for Swiss Children Living Abroad

WHEN?

June 29–August 15 1992 for three weeks at a time (Topolino Camp for children aged 7–10 for two weeks at a time).

WHERE?

- In a Swiss family
- At a holiday camp organised by us
- At a Swiss children's institute

WHO?

Children of Swiss nationality or whose mother was born a Swiss citizen.

Age: 7-15

Registration: Before March 31, 1992

Application forms and further information may be obtained from Swiss embassies and consulates abroad or directly from the Holiday Scheme of the Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad in Zurich. These must be sent to the Swiss embassy or consulate where you are registered.

Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad

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